

THE MARYLAND SITUATION.

The Republicans Certain of an Overwhelming Victory Next Month Colored Voters Thoroughly Organized and Solid for McKinley and Roosevelt. The Congressional Delegation Strong. Pen Pictures of Some Leaders.

Baltimore, Md., Special.—I spent a few days in Maryland this week looking over the political situation, and, as Maryland is considered a doubtful State, I gave particular attention and the closest observation to things that were heard and seen politically. If the other doubtful States are as certain as is Maryland for McKinley, then the election is over and all that is necessary is the ratification and the shouting.

I never saw a more perfect political organization than is found to day in Maryland. Senator McComas and Chairman Goldsboro are masters of the situation and have the reins in hand. As a local politician put it, "They are the right men in the right place."

The colored vote in Maryland is in the neighborhood of fifty thousand, and ninety nine per cent of them are republicans. Heretofore the republicans have suffered because of their inability to get out the vote, as it were. Under the present organization, however, the full republican vote will be cast. Senator McComas has divided the work up and in a large measure the campaign, among the colored people, is put in the hands of colored leaders of known reputation, character and ability. Ex-councilman Harry S. Cummings and Hon. Hiram Watty, the present member of the city council from the fourth ward, have in a great measure the work of the campaign as far as the colored people are concerned. They have under them an army of splendid workers, not only in the city of Baltimore, but throughout the State, who will see that every vote is cast.

In conversation with Mr. Cummings on the Maryland situation, he said, "At no time in the political history of the colored people of Maryland has there been a greater incentive to work and work persistently for the success of the party as in the present campaign." Former leaders have accepted the support of the colored vote of the State but have not properly regarded the worthy recognition which should have been accorded that vote. We are glad to say that this condition of affairs does not now obtain. With the advent of Senator Lewis E. McComas a new condition of affairs has arisen. He is fair, honest and considerate. He knows from what sources the strength and united support of the colored voters spring, and they do not for a moment question that under his leadership. The colored republicans of Maryland will be recognized as they never were before. "In fact," said Mr. Cummings, "the Republican organization of Maryland was never in better condition than now." A new life, new energy and a new inspiration seemed to actuate every leader, and to-day there are more active colored republicans at work in the State of Maryland than ever before.



SENATOR LOUIS E. M'COMAS,
Maryland's Junior Representative in the Upper House of Congress, and a
Most Popular Leader in that State.

The outlook for republican success was never better than now. Every county in the State is being polled and there is no defection. The colored voters are thoroughly alive to the supreme importance of carrying the State this time, for the contest means the probable success of 1901 when the legislature is to elect a United States Senator. They know that democratic success in Maryland means the disfranchisement of a large number of colored votes as has been done in four democratic states South. To make this certain they have determined to rally to the support of the ticket with the strength which will surpass all previous efforts in the past.

Hon. P. L. Goldsborough, chairman of the Republican State Committee, is conducting the campaign in a business like way. Every important suggestion is accepted by him and every necessary plan adopted which has a tendency to strengthen the party. He is approachable, popular and has the full sympathy, confidence and support of every element of the party in the state. From the present prospects his management will bring to the ticket unprecedented success in this work. There is no better man, there is no more popular man and there is no better organizer in the state than Chairman Goldsborough.

Rev. Ernest Lyon, D. D., whose appointment as a member of the Advisory Board of the Republican National Committee, is thoroughly acceptable to the voters of Maryland. In addition to the general work which he ably performs for the National Committee among the colored voters of the Eastern States, he is by no means neglecting to perform his part of the work which is being done among the colored voters of Maryland. His large influence among the church-going colored people is being made apparent day by day, and the loyal support, which the party will receive from the colored citizens of the state, will be due in no small measure to his efforts.

Said Mr. Cummings in conclusion: "To mention all of the active, intelligent, influential young colored men who are taking an active part in this campaign but who have been indifferent in previous elections, would take more space than I am sure you feel able to give to this interview. I can not close, however, without speaking a good word for Mr. W. Ashbie Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins is an able and successful member of the Baltimore bar, a practical man in the broadest sense of

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ILLINOIS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Register Lyons a Guest of the Windy City. The New Institutional Church and the Progress of the Brotherhood. In the Social Whirl. Personal Points and Paragraphs.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the United States Treasury, was in this city recently and read a very interesting paper before the Men's Sunday Club of Quinn Chapel, which is one of the strongest and most forceful organizations of its kind in the West. The notice to the public was a very short one, nevertheless the large auditorium was well filled. The president, Mr. A. H. Roberts, with very fitting remarks, introduced the speaker, who, owing to the short notice given him, had prepared a paper to which the appreciative audience listened with rapt attention. The paper touched lightly on politics and told in plain figures the wealth of the colored race, in church property, real estate, banks, etc., finally estimating the entire wealth of the colored race as being \$890,000,000. The program was interspersed with violin music by Miss Gertrude Palmer. The invocation was delivered by Dr. J. F. Thomas of Olivet Baptist church. Col. Pledger of the Atlanta Age made some excellent remarks in which he recalled the old slave days from whence sprung "this old time religion." Both Mr. Lyons and Col. Pledger were heartily greeted at the close of the services and they can feel assured of a hearty greeting upon a future return to the Windy City.

The United Brotherhood a fraternal organization of this city is now distributing its policies. I have seen the certificates and find that they are a neat, plain, legible authority for membership. The Brotherhood has grown rapidly from provisional to realistic work, and is looking forward to a public installation.

A grand lecture course was begun at the Institutional church on Monday night, October 1st. Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, one of the most noted divines of the country, delivered the first lecture in the course, his subject being, "The later eloquence of Parlianism." Others, whose names have been mentioned to appear during the course are Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C., and Booker T. Washington. The proceeds are to assist in meeting the demands of the kindergarten of the New Institutional church.

Mr. Julius N. Avendorph, one of Chicago's brightest and best young men and Miss Jennie L. Claven, were married in Marquette, Michigan, the home of the bride, October 5th, 1900. Mrs. Avendorph is well known in Chicago and much admired for her beauty and manner. The wedding took place in the church where Miss Claven had served as choir director for several years. A beautiful reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Harrison, 2806 Wabash ave. Chicago.

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